

The Reader



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY NANCY SIMPSON

Last summer we had the drought and this year we had to cancel IceBreaker due to too much rain !

How lucky we are not to be in the Southwest.... I cannot imagine caring for and exercising horses in the extreme heat plaguing places like Phoenix and Scottsdale.

Our annual rated shows, Classic I and II, will be August 24 and 25, at the Fairgrounds. We are still looking for a crew of about three people to take on the task of learning how to set a dressage ring.

2013 is our year to teach a new crew ! Setting a ring is an easy way for a non-rider to participate in the sport of dressage. Family members of a rider can show support and gain a better understanding of showing when they share in what goes on behind-the-scenes of a show. Setting a ring can be completed in 2 hours or less. John Simpson, Show Manager, will teach you tips and tricks for quick ring-setting - - complete with demonstrating the importance of multiple screw-drivers when dealing with dressage tapes!

UPCOMING CLD EVENTS

(For full calendar of events, see the online calendar at centerlinedressage.com)

July 6
CLD FireCracker Schooling Show
at StarWest
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July 12
CLD Chevaux Entry Deadline
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July 20
CLD Chevaux Schooling Show
at Voigt Farms, Chrisman IL
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July 21-23
Gerhard Politz Clinic
at StarWest,
Contact: Kate Fleming-Kuhn
kate@starwestonline.net

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Call or email him at jsnrhorse@prodigy.net 217-793-6810.

A 'heads-up' on the Awards Banquet this year: due to the scheduling of the USDF National Dressage Championships in Lexington, KY on November 7-10, we have to change our date. The tentative date is now Sat. Nov. 16.

Have a safe summer,

Nancy Simpson

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CHANGE IS IN THE AIR - HEARTLAND EQUINE

Heartland Equine Health Center has announced that Dr. John O'Keefe will no longer be practicing as an equine veterinarian, and will be accepting a regulatory position with the State of Illinois. The clinic will continue on with Dr. Rachel Boyce at the helm. Although Dr. Boyce intends to hire a veterinarian to work with her as soon as possible, please bear with her in the coming weeks as she does her best to keep up with client and patient needs by herself.



As of July 1st, HEHC veterinary assistant Kim Jones will be in the office during business hours to answer phone calls and e-mails, make appointments and manage paperwork and inventory. Dr. O'Keefe's longtime assistant, Dean Proefrock, will assist Dr. Boyce in the clinic and on farm calls. Despite all the impending changes, many things will stay the same-our website, Facebook page, phone number and e-mail address are unchanged, the clinic in Curran will remain open and, by far most importantly, Dr. Boyce and the HEHC staff remain committed to providing the excellent veterinary care and service clients expect from Heartland Equine Health Center.

TWO MORE SCHOOLING SHOWS

Don't forget there are two more schooling shows in the month of July, both of which are CLD events. FireCracker is July 6th and Chevaux is July 20th. Good luck to all the riders and thank you to all of the volunteers that make these shows possible.

USDF CONNECTION EARNS TOP JUDGES' MARKS IN EQUINE-MEDIA COMPETITION

Lexington, KY, June 25, 2013 — *USDF Connection*, the member magazine of the United States Dressage Federation, earned several top placings in the prestigious 2012 American Horse Publications Annual Awards Contest.

The awards, which recognized excellence in print and online equestrian media published in 2012, were announced June 22, 2013, during the 2013 AHP “Meet at the Peak” seminar in Colorado Springs, CO.

USDF Connection's “Clinic” series on getting to Second Level, “Get to Second Base” (June 2012 through December 2012/January 2013), earned top honors in the Instructional Series (print) category. The author, Beth Baumert, is a USDF-certified instructor through Fourth Level and the vice president of The Dressage Foundation, Lincoln, NE.

The magazine's report on the 2012 Olympic Games dressage competition, “The Best of Times, the Worst of Times” (November 2012), took first place in the Editorial Event Coverage Single Article category for print publications with a circulation of 20,000 or more. The story was written and photographed by *USDF Connection* editor Jennifer Bryant.

Two columns were recognized in the Personal Single Column class, circulation 20,000 and up. Jennifer Bryant's “Ringside” column on rider fitness, “Fit to Ride” (December 2012/January 2013), took second place. USDF member and FEI-level dressage instructor/trainer Kate Phillips earned third place for her “The Tail End” column on helmet use, “Courtney's Legacy” (June 2012).

The 2012 AHP Annual Awards Contest drew 758 entries from 104 AHP members. For more information about AHP, visit www.americanhorsepubs.org.

USDF Connection, published ten times a year in print and digital editions, is a benefit of membership in the United States Dressage Federation and its many affiliated dressage clubs, called group-member organizations (GMOs). For information about USDF membership or advertising in *USDF Connection*, visit www.usdf.org.

DRESSAGE FOUNDATION PARTNERS W/ COUNTY SADDLERY TO OFFER FREE DRAWING FOR SADDLE

July 1, 2013 – Thanks to the generosity of County Saddlery, Inc., The Dressage Foundation is excited to announce that a County Perfection Saddle will be given away in a free drawing!



Gene Freeze, President of County Saddlery, has been described as the world's leading saddle designer and has designed saddles for many of the world's top riders from all three Olympic disciplines. Edward Gal rode in a County Perfection saddle when he and Totalis achieved a new world record of 92.3% in 2009.

“I have always felt, both as an individual and as the Owner of County, that it is important to give back to the industry that has given so much to me,” said Mr. Freeze. “People like Judith Noone and all the dedicated people at The Dressage Foundation inspire me to continue doing so.”

The free contest will run from July 15th – December 4th, 2013. The drawing will be held on December 5th at the USDF Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. To enter, visit www.dressagefoundation.org. U.S. residents who are 19 years and older are eligible to enter. Full contest rules and additional information are also available on TDF's website.

“The Dressage Foundation is so grateful for the generosity of Mr. Freeze and County Saddlery,” said Jenny Johnson, TDF's Administrative Director. “It will be so exciting and *fun* to give away this incredible saddle to one lucky person!”

To learn more about County Saddlery, visit www.countysaddlery.com or call 877-41-HORSE.

For more information about The Dressage Foundation, visit www.dressagefoundation.org or contact Jenny Johnson at (402)434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org.

The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt, donor-driven organization that is dedicated to supporting and advancing the sport of dressage. The organization solicits contributions, appropriately allocates the donations, and awards grants and scholarships to dressage riders of all ages and levels. For more information, please visit www.dressagefoundation.org.

2014 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & LOCATIONS SELECTED

Lexington, KY (May 22, 2013) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has selected the dates and locations for the 2014 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, presented by SmartPak and supported by Merial.

Region 1 (October 2-5) at the Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, NC

Region 2 (October 9-12) at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Region 3 (October 16-19) at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, W. Palm Beach, FL

Region 4 (September 5-7) at the North Iowa Fairgrounds, Mason City, IA

Region 5 (September 18-21) at the Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO

Region 6 (September 18-21) at the Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID

Region 7 (September 25-28) at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Burbank, CA

Region 8 (September 18-21) at HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties, NY

Region 9 (October 9-12) at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Katy, TX

These championships recognize the outstanding efforts of riders in each USDF region and provide an excellent opportunity for spectators to view the top competitors in their respective regions. Additionally, the top amateur and open riders at each of the championships, who have submitted a declaration of intent, will receive an invitation to compete at the US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, to be held November 6-9, 2014, at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Kathy Stringer of Great American Insurance Group added, "Our role as title sponsor of the regional and breeders' championships has afforded a great opportunity to acknowledge outstanding individuals and the sport of dressage."

Competitors qualify for Great American/USDF Regional Championships by competing in designated qualifying classes throughout the year at USDF-recognized competitions. For more information on the regional championship program or the US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, visit the USDF website, or contact the USDF sport programs department.

NEW DRESSAGE FOUNDATION STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The object of the Dressage Foundation State Representative is to provide a local source of information to groups and riders in your area. That can be done at board meetings, shows, clinics, etc. TDF State Reps can provide area show managers TDF brochures for rider packets or to put on a welcome table. We are to report back to TDF about dressage in our home states. Is it flourishing or struggling? What are riders in your state saying about dressage? Probably the Dressage Foundation has a program in place that can help. If not, let's work on your local dressage problem using the brain power available at TDF.

The new Illinois TDF Representation is Alice Martin of New Berlin. An Army brat, Alice was not allowed her first horse until she was 12. Black Thunder, a grade gelding, became her constant companion. They covered as much as 80 miles on long summer days. In 1963 she purchased her first Arabian. When her father, John R. Martin, retired from the US Army, they raised Arabians and Quarter Horses at Star M Stables, Watson, IL. Alice's first taste of dressage, up close and personal, came in 1969 when she saw an exhibition by Chuck Grant and talked to him after the performance. Alice stayed at Grant's Shine-a-Bit Farm, Brighton, MI in the summer of 1970, riding eight to ten hours a day.

Through Chuck Grant, Alice met another Grant student, Elaine Powell (now Gibala). Alice and Elaine's students, along with the students of Genelle Bishop (now Royer) formed CenterLine Dressage in 1972. In 1975 she moved to Springfield and StarWest was born. Since then Alice has won innumerable awards up to the national level, both individual horse and trainer awards in addition to the USDF Bronze and Silver Medals. Besides the tutelage of the late Chuck Grant (the father of American Dressage), she studied on a continuing basis with Violet Hopkins, Pamela Fitzwilliams, Sally Swift, Hubert Rohrer, Gerhard Politz and Col. Christian Carde.



Alice and Sir at age 32, modeling an antique Arabian saddle, at the Al Khamsa National Convention

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS*CLD events in bold see also page 1***July**

- 6** CLD FireCracker Shooling Show
@ StarWest
Judge: Lisa Holderle
Contact: Judy Nordstrom, Manager vice-pres@centerlinedressage.com
- 12** CLD Chevaux Entry Deadline
- 21 - 23** Gerhard Politz Clinic at StarWest.
Contact: Kate Fleming-Kuhn at kate@starwestonline.net
- 20** CLD Chevaux Schooling Show
@ Voigt Farms, Chrisman Illinois
Judge: Paula Briney, "L"
Contact: Merri Voigt, Manager cci71899@gmail.com

August

- 4** CLD Executive Board Meeting 2pm - 4pm
@ StarWest
- 10** CLD Classic I & II Entry Deadline
- 23 - 25** CLD Classic I & II
@ Illinois State Fairgrounds
Judges: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, "S" & Beverly Rogers, "S"
Jeanne Craver, Secretary - mowarda@gmail.com
John Simpson, Manager - jsnrhorse@prodigy.net
Rita Bass & Kim Jones, Volunteer Co-ordinators kimbr99@yahoo.com

September

- 7** Al Khamsa Fall Dressage Entry Deadline
- 19 - 22** Region 2 Championships
@ Lamplight Equestrian Center • Wayne, IL
- 21 - 22** Al Khamsa Fall Dressage I & II
@ Tower Hill • Dawson, IL
<http://www.towerhillequestrian.com>

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